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FOR ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR EG US
SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN CONCERN OVER SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) STATE 14991 (B) STATE 15039

1. RE REFTEL B, YOUR ARE RIGHT THAT INR REPORT ON ETHIOPIA,
(REF A) OUGHT TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
WITH A VIEW TO PRECISE NATURE OF EGYPTIAN CONCERNS. INR REPORT
HAS GOOD MATERIAL ON SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA, BUT
TOTALLY IGNORES EGYPTIAN CONCERN THAT ETHIOPIA (AND LIBYA),
EGYPTIANS SUSPECT WITH SOVIET ENCOURAGEMENT, IS CURRENTLY
ACTIVELY THREATENING THE NUMEIRI REGIME IN SUDAN BY SUPPORTING
THE ANSAR EMIGREES. EGYPTIAN WORRY IS THAT SOME OF OUR
MILITARY AID TO ETHIOPIA MAY ALSO BE BEING USED TO ARM ANSAR.

2. GIVEN THEIR CONCERNS, IT IS NOT ENOUGH SIMPLY TO SAY WE
ARE WATCHING SITUATION CAREFULLY. EGYPTIAN REPLY WILL CERTAINLY
BE THIS IS WHAT USG ALWAYS DOES UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE.
WE SHOULD AT LEAST SHOW AN AWARENESS OF THE DANGER THAT SOME
OF OUR ARMS AID COULD BE DIVERTED BY EMPG TO THE ANSAR AND
INDICATE WHAT WE ARE DOING TO TRY TO PREVENT THIS FROM
TAKING PLACE.

3. WILL DEFER APPROACH TO FAHMY UNTIL I HEAR FROM YOU.
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WE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT ANY REPORT WE PROVIDE WILL ALSO
GO TO SADAT.
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